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FATHER ASSISTANT DEPARTS

Just a couple of days before Christmas, Very Rev. Fr. Assistant, Vincent A. McCormick, left California for Phoenix, El Paso and points south and east.

Throughout the California and Oregon Provinces, his visits to the various houses had the same reaction, that of warm friendliness that makes for ease of approach and conversation. He showe himself kind and considerate, a good listener.

Letters may reach Very Rev. Fr. Assistant at the following places:

DALLAS—Dec. 27-30.

NEW ORLEANS — 4133 Banks St., Jan. 1-8.

SPRING HILL—Jan. 9-12.

ALMA COLLEGE

Nov. 21. Dr. Paul S. Taylor addressed the community on "The Central Valley Project."

Nov. 26. A pig pen on Radio Hill was completed. Four small pigs were installed. They escaped from the pen on the first day. After a property-wide hunt, they were found at Lower Lake and effectively secured.

Dec. 5-7. Triduum given by Fr. Hagemann.

Dec. 9. Arrival of Rev. Fr. Assistant, who gave a "General Recreation" on the evening of the 10th.

Dec. 11. Fr. William Dunne arrived to make his retreat.

Dec. 12. Fr. de la Pena supplied at Reedley; Fr. Alvarez at Dinuba for the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Dec. 13. Celebration of the Fourth Centenary of the papal approval of the Spiritual Exercises. A printed program featured an ancient picture of St. Ignatius now in the possession of Alma College. Fr. Louis McCann gave a talk on preparation for retreat work. Messrs. Diemert and Marien read papers on the Exercises.

Dec. 18. Mr. Sisk went to Santa Barbara to attend the ordination of his brother and assisted at his first Mass at Sacramento.

SACRED HEART NOVITIATE

First Vows:

Dec. 8. John Callanan, S.J.

Nov. 28. The Juniors put on an amateur night for the up-and-coming Thespians in their midst. Several skits were presented: singing, dramatic readings, and a one-act play written by Br. Draper, S.J. The play had a remote relationship to Homer's Iliad.

Dec. 4. Fr. Hynes came here to stay for a few months and write his doctoral thesis in education.

Dec. 4-7. The Triduum before renovation of vows was given by Fr. Healy.

Dec. 7. William Glass entered from San Jose State College as a coadjutor postulant.

Dec. 7-9. Fr. Assistant came for a short visit. He gave general recreations to the Novices and Juniors, and dwelt particularly on what the Holy Father expects of the younger Jesuits in fidelity to the traditions and high standards of the Society in sanctity and learning.

Dec. 12. Fr. Hynes gave the Juniors a lecture on the present status of the Society's educational system in America.

The Shrine of Our Lady, Tota Pulchra, near the front gate, has had its beauty greatly enhanced by the planting of several new flower plots nearby.

European relief is still going strong. This month shipments were sent to Austria and Germany.

MOUNT ST. MICHAEL'S

Nov. 22. Representative Canwell, chairman of the Canwell committee investigating commission, visited and addressed the scholastics on the subject of his investigation.

Nov. 30-Dec. 8. Fr. Chas. Dullea gave the Brothers' Retreat. Fr. John Sullivan gave the renovation Triduum.

Dec. 8. First ice for skating—and it looks as if it is going to last—for a while anyway.

Dec. 9. Heaviest snowfall in 53 years for this time of the year.

Dec. 12. Fr. Duce arrived and spent

a couple of days interviewing the third year Californians.

Dec. 13. Ex-U. S. Senator Dill visited and spoke to the scholastics about the Columbia River Project.

The Christmas committee is Messrs. Wright, Schalatter, and P. King.

MANRESA HALL

Fr. Charles Suver, S.J., gave the Triduum for the Tertian Fathers which began on the evening of December 19th.

Hospital Experiment:

Fr. Farraher, St. Vincent's, Portland.
Fr. John Geary, Sacred Heart, Spokane.
Fr. Keane, hospital in Lewiston, Idaho.
Fr. O'Gara, Firlands, Seattle.
Fr. O'Toole, Providence, Seattle.

Fr. Markey, while acting as chaplain for a week at St. Anthony's Hospital in Pendleton, Oregon, has contracted pneumonia and is now a patient there.

Fr. Duce came to Manresa Hall for a day and talked to the Tertians about their studies.

The Day of Recollection for the Catholic Women's League of Victoria, B. C., was given by Fr. Hayn.

The rubber tiling in the chapel is now complete. The areas beneath the pews were finished recently.

Christmas Assignments for the Tertians:

Fr. Donohue, St. Anne's, Seattle.
Fr. Dullea, St. Anne's, Seattle.
Fr. Farraher, Lakeview, Oregon.
Fr. Fischer, Bellingham, Wash.
Fr. John Geary, Cranbrook, B. C.
Fr. Joseph Geary, St. John's, Seattle.
Fr. Hayn, Puyallup, Wash.
Fr. Keane, Lewiston, Idaho.
Fr. Moore, Mount Vernon, Wash.
Fr. O'Gara, St. Catherine's, Seattle.
Fr. O'Toole, Prov. Hospital, Seattle.
Fr. Pettid, Auburn, Wash.
Fr. Reed, Victoria, B. C.

UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO

Community

Very Rev. Fr. Assistant arrived here for his visit with the Community on Nov. 27. He left with Fr. Simpson for Santa Clara on Dec. 2.

On Dec. 3 Fr. Cody was taken to the hospital with a slight case of pneumonia. He has now returned and is feeling much better.

Fr. Lipman arrived here from China on Nov. 20. He has been appointed Assistant Procurator for China.

The Jesuit Mothers held their annual Christmas party on Dec. 15. A large crowd was in attendance.

The Renovation Triduum was given this Dec. 5th, 6th, and 7th by Fr. Clark.

Church

Fr. P. Dunne preached a series of sermons on Marriage during Advent at the late Masses.

Permission has been received for the erection of a new main altar in St. Ignatius Church. It will be a marble table on five marble steps under an oak baldachino. The marble will be carved in Pietrasanta, Italy; the oak in Wisconsin. Delivery is promised on Oct. 15, 1949, and erection is to be completed by Dec. 1, 1949.

On Dec. 5 the Ladies Sodality held a musical for its members as well as an illustrated lecture on Our Lady of Fatima in the University Auditorium. The celebration was in honor of their 86th anniversary.

The first permanent confessional, of carved oak, donated by the Ladies' Sodality in memory of Fr. Gleeson, has been installed.

University

Permission from Rome has been received for the erection of the Gleeson Library of U.S.F. Work on the building plans started immediately. The plans should be ready for bids by the end of March. Test borings are being made on the site which is on Golden Gate Avenue directly north of the present Faculty Residence.

Twenty-three out of the group of 28 passed the recent Bar Examination.

Fr. Martin attended the Educational Convention recently held in Spokane.

"Early Jesuit Missions in Tarahumara" is the title of the latest book by Fr. P. Dunne.

Mr. Jack Shelley, President of the State Federation of Labor, addressed the Industrial Relations Society in late November.

High School

The varsity football team reached the semi-finals in the championship playoffs.

Twenty-four new members were received into the Sanctuary Society after Mass in the Church on Nov. 26. Breakfast was served in the cafeteria to all.

First, third, ninth, and tenth place were won in the Hearst History Contest for the San Francisco area. Because of first and third places, the school received two hundred dollars in savings bonds and a hundred dollars for visual aid equipment.

Nov. 29-Dec. 3. Second Mission Week. The Mission Drive was made more successful by a mission slogan contest. Of the goal of a thousand dollars, only $125 remain to be collected during the last drive in Lent.

Twenty candidates under the guidance of Mr. Enright were received into the Junior Sodality after Mass in the chapel on Dec. 8. Fr. Howard addressed the Sodalists after which Fr. Harrington received the new members. Breakfast was served in the auditorium.

The annual Shakespearean Contest took place on Dec. 9. A senior coached by Mr. Menard won first place.

St. Ignatius debating societies have been well represented this year at all three Bay Area Tournamnts, viz. Sacred Heart's, Oakland's, and St. Bridget's. The Senate, House, and Congress participated in debating, oratory, impromptu and radio speaking. First places were taken in impromptu speaking and declamation, and several of the debating teams placed in the finals.

Dec. 15. Christmas issue of the school publication "IGNATIAN" arrived, together with "COMMENT," a new literary supplement. Nearly one thousand copies were sold.

The varsity basketball team ended up in second place in the AAA invitational tournament ahead of seventeen Bay Area teams.

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY

Dec. 17-18. Fr. Assistant visited the house.

Nov. 27. Fr. Ryan attended the Annual Convention of the Philological Association of the Pacific Coast at USC.

Dec. 1. The European Student Relief Campaign sponsored by the National Federation of Catholic College Students opened its drive here at a student rally featuring Miss Margaret Whiting, radio and recording star. The local quota has been set at $10,000.

Dec. 5. The Regional Study Day of the Y.C.S. was held under Loyola's auspices on campus. Students from Immaculate Heart, Marymount, Mount St. Mary's, and the USC and UCLA Newman Clubs attended.

Dec. 6. Maj. Gen. John E. Upston, Com. Gen. of the 4th Air Force, made an inspection of the local Air ROTC unit and described the Unit as "one of the finest I have seen."

Dec. 8-17. The Del Rey Players presented "Toad of Toad Hall," a comedy.

Dec. 9-10-11. Fr Connolly attended the convention of the North Western Association of Colleges at Spokane.

Dec. 14. The Formal Installation of the Air ROTC unit was had with a program including an impressive array of prominent officers, Lt. Gen. Harold George, U.S.A.F., Rear Admiral Paul Hendron, Brig. Gen. Leonard E. Thomas, and others. Fr. Kilp, Chaplain of the National Guard, read the Invocation. An aerial display by sixteen jet fighters added pageantry to the ceremony.

Dec. 14. Mr. Caldwell reviewed Alan Paton's "Cry, the Beloved Country," at the third of the "Loyola Lecture" series. The lecture on Baugh's "Brideshead Revisited" was given by Dr. Frank Sullivan.

Dec. 16. The Industrial Relation School closed with a registration of 90. The preceding Sunday a Day of Recollection was conducted by Frs. McIntosh and Graham for those who had attended the courses. Thirty-five, of whom one-third were non-Catholics, came to the Day of Recollection.

Plans for a Year Book have been dropped.

Fr. Hynes is spending a few months at Los Gatos writing his Ph.D. thesis in Education.

A new Divisiond of Language embodying the departments of Latin, Spanish, Italian, French, German, and Russian has been established at the University.

423 Loyola students are working for the L. A. Post Office during the Christmas holiday.

SANTA CLARA

Nov. 17. Frs. Casey, McGrorey, McCann and Harney in retreat at Santa Clara.

Nov. 19. Rev. Fr. Provincial here for annual retreat.

Harp Recital by Mildred Dilling in College Theatre.

Nov. 20. The Annual Retreat for the students of the University began today. The Upper Classmen were directed by Rev. John Odou of Bellarmine Prep; the members of the Freshman and Sophomore classes directed by Fr. Louis McCann of El Retiro, San Inigo. Fr. Robert McMahon and Fr. Joseph Martin of the University Faculty presented special instructions on the Mass .

Dec. 1. Rev. Fr. Edward Boland of Varsi Library played host to a gathering of ninety members of library staffs in Santa Clara Valley. A candlelight buffet supper was served in Adobe Lodge, followed by Spanish songs and dances, and a lecture on the historic spots of Santa Clara Valley by Rev. Henry L. Walsh, S.J., of the Department of Historical Research of the University.

Dec. 2. Very Rev. Vincent McCormick, American Assistant of the Jesuit Order, began today an informal visit with the Community. Fr. Leo Simpson is acting as his secretary during his sojourn in the West.

Dec. 3. First Friday. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Mission Church. The Students' Retreat clos today with the papal benediction after the 6:30 and 7 o'clock Masses. Fr. Von der Ahe, the Chaplain, reported that over 950 received Holy Communion at the two Masses.

Rev. Fr. John McCummiskey, formerly of Blessed Sacrament Church in Hollywood, and of late Director of Laymen's Retreats at Manresa House, Azusa, has been added to the Community as Spiritual Father.

Dec. 4. Renovation Triduum begins tonight. The members of the University R.O.T.C. unit held their first Miiltary Ball in Seifert Gymnasium at 9 p.m.

Dec. 6. General tests for close of the second period in University classes begin today.

Dec. 13. Very Rev. Father Assistant departs for Santa Barbara.

Dec. 15. Our beloved Minister, Rev. Charles Guenther, was operated on this morning at O'Connor's Sanitarium after a sudden attack of appendicitis. He is rapidly improving.

Dec. 17. University students depart for the Christmas holidays.

BELLARMINE

In the Northern California Oratorical Tournament, which was held in San Francisco for the lower division students of high schools, Bellarmine placed second, third, and fourth. Twenty-four high schools competed Bellarmine missed first place by one point.

The Senior Debating Teams have won seven public debates. Among the victims were Oakland, Fresno, and Lincoln High Schools. Mr. Byrne is the coach.

Mr. Fitch's lower division debaters have defeated Lowell and St. Peter's of San Francisco.

In the Second Semester the debaters of both divisions will enter five State Tournaments.

In the Inter-City League, which consists of non-varsity players from San Jose High, Lincoln High, San Jose Tech, Santa Clara High, and Bellarmine, Bellarmine has entered seven teams. Mr. Byrne is the coach. Last year Bellarmine defeated San Jose High for the championship. The other schools have only entered two teams.

The Sodality sold four hundred boxes of Catholic Christmas Cards and delivered twenty-five full Christmas baskets to poor families. Father Odou and Mr. Drendel directed the projects.

Fr Odou directed the retreat for the Juniors and Seniors at the University of Santa Clara.

Four Bellarmine football players made the All-City and All-County teams. The Monitor failed to place even one Bellarmine player on its All-Catholic League team, even though Bellarmine is Co-Champion of the League and walloped all but one of the teams by large scores.

Mr. Dryden is preparing to issue "The Bell Echo," the literary magazine, in January.

Mr. Drendel has organized a choir for the resident students.

Dec. 4, 5, 6. The fall play, "The Bat," played to capacity crowds.

Dec. 6. Rubinoff gave a violin concert in the gym gratis.

Dec. 5-8. The Triduum to the scholastics was given by Fr. Flynn.

Dec. 8. The Sodality held a spiritual and social evening. The spiritual program, under the direction of Fr. Odou, lasted from 7 to 8:30. The social program, under the dirction of Mr. Costa, was held in the gym from 8:30 to 10.

The Dads' Club sponsored a banquet for the varsity and "B" football teams. Fr. Rooney was the main speaker.

Dec. 12. The Dads staged a mammoth card party. Over a thousand attended. The proceeds for the building fund may reach $3.000.00.

Dec. 14, 15, 16. Fr. Flynn gave a Triduum to the Sodality in preparation for Christmas. Theme was "The Prince of Peace." Mr. Fitch's Spiritual Committee sponsored the Triduum for the entire school.

Dec. 18. Mothers' Guild and Dads' Club held annual Christmas Party, which consisted of dinner, games, dancing. At that time it was announced by Fr. Sugrue that the activities of the two clubs and the "Hundred Dollar Club" had netted the building fund during the last four years $105,000.00. There are 252 members in the Building Club, which has contributed so far $41,000.00. A graduate of 1946, who is in the Army, is sending $20.00 a month out of his Army pay to help build Bellarmine. Fr. Sugrue announced that the "Hundred Dollars" from one person buys: 8 cubic yards of cement; 1-120 of the plumbing bill; 1-100 of the heating costs; 1-90 of the structural steel bill; 1-120 of the electrical work in the new building.

Correction to item in last issue: Santa Clara DONATED the band uniforms to Bellarmine, through the thoughtfulness of Fr. Stretch.

LOYOLA HIGH

Renovation of Vows was held on Dec. 3rd. The Scholastics' Choir sang hymns during the Mass. Fr. Vincent O'Sullivan gave the Triduum.

The Christmas Basket Drive conducted by the Sodality was a great success. Several thousand cans of food and a truckload of toys were distributed to the poor.

The final results of the Hearst History Contest showed that seven Loyola boys won prizes. First place in the contest was taken by Tom Till, a member of 3-C.

On the Feast of Our Lady's Immaculate Conception, solemn reception into the Sodality was held in the Faculty Chapel. Forty-five Freshmen were received into the Sodality. After the ceremony, breakfast was served in the Cafeteria, and movies were shown in the school auditorium.

Very Rev. Fr. Assistant visited the school from Dec. 13 to Dec. 21.

The classrooms on the first and second floor will be completely equipped with fluorescent lights by the end of the Christmas vacation.

The Gold Cross Mothers donated beautiful crucifixes for each of the classrooms in the school.

On Dec. 21 and 22 the annual Diocesan Educational Meeting was held. Fr. Conway and Mr. Mahan were representatives of the school in panel discussions on Religion and Latin.

During the last week of school before Christmas vacation, a beautiful, life-sized shrine of the Madonna and Child was erected in the main vestibule of the school.

Fathers'-Sons' Night was held on Dec. 2 in the school auditorium.

The Post Office Department is using the old Gym as a depot for delivery during the heavy Christmas mailing season.

Among our visitors for the past month were: Fr. Leo Simpson, Fr. James Kearney, Fr. Wm. Huesman, Fr. Wm. Corvi, Fr. R. Tichenor, Fr. [illegible]. Flynn, Fr. H. Duce, and Fr. T. Carroll.

The Gold Cross Mothers held a Christmas party for the fathers and scholastics in the school auditorium Dec. 19.

All those who have been hospitalized during the past months are well again; Deo gratias!

The Henry Welch Guild had a tea in which the school band (directed by Capt. G. Hirning) gave excellent selections. Fr. Harrington, Fr. White and Fr. Sausotte gave talks. Fr. White was the principal speaker. The program ended with selections by the Freshmen Octette (directed by Mr. Porter).

Scholastics and Fathers preparing for singing at Midnight Mass (we hope to have one this year): Frs. Sausotte and Bain; Messrs. Fitzgerald, Fernandez, Babbish, Terry Porter (directed by Mr. Fernandez). They will also sing at the Christmas Party on Dec. 19.

CHINA

We had been waiting several years for an opportunity to make appeals for our China Mission in the diocese of Bishop Armstrong. His Excellency had expressed his desire that we preach in all the churches of his diocese, omitting none, in order that "all his people might hear of the work of the Jesuits in China." The year 1948 the invitation could be accepted. Due to the fact that four or five Fathers home from China were available to preach in the various churches it was possible within a year to cover all the churches.

Fr. Gerald Pope canvassed most of the parishes for dates of appeal. After he returned to China in July, Fr. Mark Falvey took over this work. Some Sundays during the summer months had as many as five appeals in different churches—all made by Fathers who had been in China. (This was at the Bishop's request.) An appeal was made for funds for our Mission and for subscriptions to JESUIT MISSIONS.

Our Fathers met with cordial cooperation from the great majority of the pastors of the diocese Appeals were made in 47 churches, beginning in April and concluding in early December. The contributions to our Mission work totaled $6,121.93. Subscriptions to JESUIT MISSIONS, 1,383. A detailed report of the year's campaign in his diocese was sent to Bishop Armstrong before the middle of December. It has been the practice of the Bishop of Sacramento to have Mission appeals made annually by a representative of the various foreign mission societies.

We expect that the new Archbishop of Los Angeles will allow us extensive appeals in his diocese during 1949. A new plan, assigning a certain number of churches to each mission society is to be inaugurated this year. Fr. John Lipman, lately back from China, will conduct the diocesan appeals for our China Mission.

EL RETIRO

Balchadino and drapes of finest red velvet are presented and hung over the altar in the chapel by Mr. David AcAuliffe, one of our retreatants. It received the highest praise from our own Padres

—so it must look neat!

The Tabernacle has been installed along with new candleabra and altar cards—a fitting tribute to the good taste of Brother Hogan.

Dec. 13. Walls poured for the second floor of Pereira Hall. Marini Hall was in use for the last month of the retreat season.

Dec. 15. Mr. William Haggerty, 2931 Harrison Street, San Francisco, is winner of "Christmas Mercury." Results of the "Investment Drive"—$40,000 plus. The entire drive was handled by Fr. McFadden.

Dec. 16. Room partitions for the first floor of Pereira Hall are well under way.

Dec. 17. Steel delivered for the roof.

Christmas Holidays—All buildings are completely renovated.

Statistics for 1948:

Retreats—62.

Exercitants—3040.

Grand total of retreats, 1925-1948—1114.

Grand total of retreatants, 1925-1948—34,308.

Preparations are now under way to celebrate fittingly the Silver Jubilee.

MANRESA—AZUSA

Fr. Maher left Azusa Dec. 2 in an ambulance for a two weeks' stay in the Queen of Angels Hospital, Los Angeles. He was treated by Drs. Werts and Pheasant, the latter a pupil in Loyola High when Father was Rector there.

Father Assistant has approved the drawing of plans for the little hermitages (or casitas, bungalows, cabanas, or haciendas) to be constructed in the woods behind the present building.

The 1948 records show that 44 retreats here were attended by 540 men. With more accommodations available next year the numbers are expected to mount.

The Way of the Cross donated by Mr. George Breslin in memory of his sister Margaret was erected by Mr. Larry MacNeill.

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Fr. Michael Henaghan is still confined to the hospital, slowly recuperating from a painful operation. For convenience sake and for other reasons, he has transferred from Saint Mary's Hospital, San Francisco, to the more quiet Sisters' Hospital, Santa Cruz.

A very well attended Spanish Novena Mission was preached by Rev. J. Villasenor Gonzales, an assistant pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, San Francisco.

Fr. John B. Brolan, S.J., of the Missionary Band, was well enjoyed in his Novena-Mission in honor of Saint Frances Cabrini, from December 12 to 19.

Fr. Robidoux, S.J., is trying to put one over on Brother Dave of Saint Joseph's, in the erection of an artistic crib which was unveiled on Christmas Night.

SPECIAL STUDENTS

Frs. Bannan and Finnegan attended the National meeting of the Diocesan School Supervisors in November.

Mr. Robert Burns will come from Fordham to spend Christmas vacation and the historical conventions in Washington.

The community of Carroll House was privileged to see a preview of the movie "Joan of Arc."

The Catholic University is staging presently "The Birds" of Aristophanes in a modernized version.

EPHEPHETA SOCIETY

December 19 was a Day of Recollection for the Deaf The day began with a Conference at 11 a.m.; then followed a special Italian lunch at a nearby restaurant, complete meal for 65c!!! Recreation at 1 p.m.; Conference at 1:45 p.m.; Stations of the Cross at 2 p.m.; Conference at 2:30 p.m.; Benediction at 3:30 p.m. Dismissal at 4 p.m.

Fr Frank Parrish of Loyola University and Mr. George Porter of Loyola High conducted the day. About 50 Deaf attended, a few confessions were heard, and about 30 families were consecrated to the Sacred Heart.

YEAR-END MINISTERIA

The following requests and assignments all came in since the last issue of the Province News:

Father Joseph L. Martin substituted for Fr. Frank Parrish at Mercy Hospital, Redding.

Tridua—Dec. 28-Jan. 1

Presentation Motherhouse, San Francisco, Fr. W. Maring.

St. Joseph's Convent, Berkeley, Fr. R. Meagher.

St. Mary's Convent, Gilroy, Fr. W. Corvi.

Day of Recollection—December 31

St. Brigid's, S. F., Fr. B. O'Neil,.

Notre Dame, Santa Clara, Fr. F. Saussotte.

In your charity, please pray for the souls of:

Mother of Fr. Nate Bacigalupi.
Father of Bro. James Finnegan.
Uncle of Bro. Trent.
Mother of Fr. Mei.
Father of Fr. Watson.